## **TOWN OF MORRISTOWN**

# TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MAY 25, 2011

#### CALL TO ORDER

- A. President Ralph Henderson called the meeting to order at 7PM. Pledge of allegiance. All Council members present. Town Attorney Messer was not present.
- B. Council member Dave Benefiel moved to approve minutes from May 11, 2011 meeting. Council member Harry Justus 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes. 0 nos. Council member Benefiel moved to approve payment of APV's. Council member Justus 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
- II. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. No report.
- III. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. The POG Run occurs every Saturday during Derby Days. The POG Run donates proceeds to the Morristown Cross Country for uniforms and other items needed. Council member Benefiel moved to donate \$500 to the POG Run from the Racino money appropriated for youth organizations of the community. Council member Justus 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
  - B. Water is collecting on South Washington St. at the Morristown Manor Drive due to improper drainage. Caleb Osborne will speak with the Morristown Manor concerning this.
  - C. There have been complaints concerning the traffic problems on Locust St. during school pickup. It was questioned if it would be possible to make the street a "One Way" during pickup times. It was also discussed that this street ends in a "cul-desac and the One Way restriction would keep people from accessing their homes. Marshall Albrecht will speak with Rob Jennings concerning this.

#### IV. CLERK TREASURER

- A. Linda Johnson has requested another consideration for bill adjustment. The Council stated that since an adjustment has already been given another will not be granted.
- B. Bastin Logan removed old manway at Water Plant #1 and installed new 20" manway. Council member Benefiel moved to approve payment of \$1662.00. Council member Justus 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
- C. The copier in the main office is having trouble interfacing with Secretary Carlton's computer. The cost of a new copier that has this capability is \$4957.00. Then the old copier can be moved to the Clerk's office. The cost savings on copier charges will be about one-half of current charges with new copier. Council member Benefiel so moved to purchase new copier for \$4957.00 and to pay for copier out of Racino fund. Council member Justus 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
- D. Clerk Treasurer Reber stated that in December Elaine Wilhelm will be welcome to come and learn the computer system if elected.
- V. POLICE
  - A. No report.
- VI. WATER/WASTEWATER/STREETS

- A. Bastin Logan reported that one well is at a small loss of performance.
- B. No bids were received for the dump truck so it was decided to scrap it and it's worth an estimated \$1936.00 to scrap. The old truck will first be used during the lagoon closure as not to tear up the new dump truck.
- C. Results for Employee Water Tests were received today and 3 out of the 4 employees passed. The pay increase for those who passed will be in effect the next pay period after certification papers are received.
- D. Mosquitoes were sprayed for last night.

#### VII. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Bids will be opened for the lagoon on June 6<sup>th</sup> at 11AM. Letters will be sent out to nearby residents informing them of possible noise and odors and will also be published in the newspaper.
- B. There will problems last year during the Adult Derby Race. The Council would like Terry Smith to come to the next Council meeting.

### VIII. WORK SESSION

- A. Employee raises were discussed and the Council agreed to give all employees a \$0.50 per hour raise except for Town Secretary Carlton who will receive a \$0.52 per hour raise. Council member Benefiel so moved to give raises discussed. President Henderson 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
- B. Personal use of Town owned vehicles was discussed. Council member Justus moved to install GPS on vehicles to track miles and locations of where personal driving occurs. Council member Benefiel 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
- C. The Council stated that Town owned cell phones are not for personal use. The Council also said that extra charges are being accrued by video messages and stated that all such messages should stop. President Henderson moved for Town employees who have Town cell phones to watch their usage and after a few months the cell phone bill will be evaluated to see if the current package can be lowered to save on the monthly bill. Council member Justus 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
- D. Council member Benefiel moved to appoint Don Roberts to the TIFF Board. President Henderson 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

#### IX. ADJOURNMENT

Council member Benefiel moved to adjourn the meeting. President Henderson  $2^{nd}$ . 3 ayes. 0 nos.

Ralph Henderson President

Thomas W. Reber Clerk Treasurer